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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.